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*Box Patent Application*

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: *Herewith*  
For: **Method, System, and Computer Program Product for Interfacing  
with Information Sources**

Inventors: *Baggett et al.*

Our Ref: 1956.0010000/PEG

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method, System, and Computer Program Product for Interfacing with Information  
Sources**

and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
  - i. 65 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 16 pages of claims (64 claims);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract; and
- b. 22 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-3, 4A-4D, 5-11, 12A-12C, 13A-13C, and 14-20);
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*);
5. Two (2) return postcards; and
6. Our check No. 28868 for \$1522.00 to cover:

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\$ 792.00 Fee for excess claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	1956.001000/PEG
First Inventor	Baggett et al.
Title	Method, System, and Computer Program Product for Interfacing with Information Sources
Express Mail Label No.	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [ Total Pages 82 ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [ Total Sheets 22 ]

5. Oath or Declaration [ Total Pages ]  
a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
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ii.  paper  
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>es parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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149	690	249	345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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